

PART 500 [RESERVED]

PART 501—ORGANIZATION AND DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES

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§501.1 Purpose.

This part describes the organization of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the Deputy Administrator, Chief Counsel, Senior Associate Administrator, Associate Administrator, Regional Administrator and Staff Office Director levels and provides for the performance of duties imposed on, and the exercise of powers vested in, the Administrator of the NHTSA (hereafter referred to as the "Administrator").

§501.2 General.

The Administrator is delegated authority by the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR 1.95) to:

(a) Carry out the following chapters or sections of Title 49 of the United States Code:

(1) Chapter 301—Motor Vehicle Safety.

(2) Chapter 303—National Driver Register.

(3) Chapter 321—General.

(4) Chapter 323—Consumer Information.

(5) Chapter 325—Bumper Standards.

(6) Chapter 327—Odometers.

(7) Chapter 329—Automobile Fuel Economy.

(8) Chapter 331—Theft Prevention.

(9) Section 20134(a), with respect to the laws administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator

pertaining to highway, traffic and motor vehicle safety.

(b) Carry out 23 U.S.C. chapter 4, Highway Safety, as amended, except for section 409.

(c) Exercise the authority vested in the Secretary by section 210(2) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7544(2)).

(d) Carry out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 313, Buy America.

(e) Administer the following sections of Title 23, United States Code, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administrator as appropriate:

(1) Section 153.

(2) Section 154.

(3) Section 158.

(4) Section 161.

(5) Section 163.

(6) Section 164.

(f) Carry out the consultation functions vested in the Secretary by Executive Order 11912 (3 CFR, 1976 Comp., p. 114), as amended, relating to automobiles.

§501.3 Organization and general responsibilities.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration consists of a headquarters organization located in Washington, DC, and a unified field organization consisting of ten geographic regions. The organization of, and general spheres of responsibility within, the NHTSA are as follows:

(a) *Office of the Administrator—*

(1) *Administrator.*

(i) Represents the Department and is the principal advisor to the Secretary in all matters related to chapters 301, 303, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329 and 331 of Title 49 U.S.C.; 23 U.S.C. chapter 4, except section 409; as each relates to highway safety, sections 153, 154, 158, 161, 163, 164 and 313 of Title 23 U.S.C.; and such other authorities as are delegated by the Secretary of Transportation (49 CFR sections 1.94 and 1.95);

(ii) Establishes NHTSA program policies, objectives, and priorities and directs development of action plans to accomplish the NHTSA mission;

(iii) Directs, controls, and evaluates the organization, program activities, performance of NHTSA staff, program and field offices;